



## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Proposed Project: National Mental Health Services Survey (N-MHSS) (OMB No. 0930–0119) — Revision**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ) is requesting a revision to the National Mental Health Services Survey (N-MHSS) (OMB No. 0930-0119), which expires on February 28, 2017. The N-MHSS provides annual national and state-level data on the number and characteristics of mental health treatment facilities in the United States and biennial national and state-level data on the number and characteristics of persons treated in these facilities.

The N-MHSS will provide updated information about facilities for SAMHSA's online Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator (see: <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>), which was last updated with information from the abbreviated N-MHSS (N-MHSS-Locator Survey) in 2015. An abbreviated N-MHSS (N-MHSS-Locator Survey) will be conducted in 2017 and 2019 to update the information about facilities in the online Locator. A full-scale N-MHSS will be conducted in 2018 to collect (1) information about facilities needed for updating the online Locator, such as the facility name and address, specific services offered, and special client groups served and (2) additional information about client counts and the demographics of persons treated in these facilities. Three small surveys are proposed for adding new facilities to the online Locator as they become known to SAMHSA. Both the 2017 N-MHSS-Locator Survey and the addition of new facilities to the online Locator will use the same N-MHSS-Locator Survey instrument.

This request for a revision seeks to change the content of the currently approved abbreviated N-MHSS (i.e., N-MHSS-Locator) survey instrument, and the previously approved 2014 and 2016 full-scale N-MHSS (OMB No. 0930-0119) to accommodate two related N-MHSS

activities:

- 1) collection of information from the total N-MHSS universe of mental health treatment facilities during 2017, 2018, and 2019; and
- 2) collection of information on newly identified facilities throughout the year as they are identified so that new facilities can quickly be added to the online Locator.

The survey mode for both data collection activities will be web with telephone follow-up. A paper questionnaire will also be available to facilities who request one.

The database resulting from the N-MHSS will be used to update SAMHSA's online Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator and to produce an electronic version of a national directory of mental health facilities, for use by the general public, behavioral health professionals, and treatment service providers. In addition, a data file derived from the survey will be used to produce a summary report providing national and state-level outcomes. The summary report and a public-use data file will be used by researchers, mental health professionals, State governments, the U.S. Congress, and the general public.

The request for OMB approval will include a request to conduct an abbreviated N-MHSS-Locator survey in 2017 and 2019, and the full-scale N-MHSS in 2018.

The following table summarizes the estimated annual response burden for the N-MHSS:

Estimated Annual Response Burden for the N-MHSS				
Type of Respondent	Number of Respondents	Responses per Respondent	Average Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours
Facilities in N-MHSS-Locator Survey universe in 2017 and 2019	17,000	1	0.42	7,140
Newly identified facilities in Between-Survey Update in 2017, 2018, and 2019 <sup>1</sup>	1,700	1	0.42	714
Facilities in full-scale N-MHSS universe in 2018	17,000	1	0.75	12,750
<b>Average Annual Total</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>9,724</b>

<sup>1</sup> Collection of information on newly identified facilities throughout the year, as they are identified, so that new facilities can quickly be added to the Locator.

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15E57-B, Rockville, MD 20857 **OR** e-mail a copy at **summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov**. Written comments should be received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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